

Good Afternoon,

I'm writing today to publically support Bill HB 5427 Shared Solar. By passing this bill you will be able to offer clean energy to so many residents in CT that just can't obtain this on their own due to numerous constraints. In my business role for our firm I interact with and manage many solar company relationships. Our firm has benefited from Shared Solar or as known in other markets as Community Solar. We have been able to create jobs in the environmental, geotechnical and construction inspection service lines during early development and construction of these facilities. Our local office in Rocky Hill has experience with solar projects throughout the Northeast and would benefit directly by this bill passing.

As I travel across this great country talking to solar developers, contractors and utilities that have embraced solar I'm often asked "why doesn't your home State do more, especially given the high cost of energy in CT" This is a great question, why are we always doing what we always have done?

The marketplace is changing, the utility that we all grew up on will not be the utility our kids or grandkids will interact with. The rate payers are demanding more competition and lower costs. Be it under FERC Order 1000 in the transmission side of the business or under Bill HB 5427, change is needed.

I urge to pass this bill and stand beside other States in our great country and show the nation CT is willing to change.

Respectfully

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